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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE dated 08-13-2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17-20, 22-32, 34-41, 43-46 and 48-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15, 17-20, 22-32, 34-40 and 43-46, 48-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed August 13, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding Applicant's argument that Sandhu does not teach "transmitting, with speech and /or data, information about the location of a mobile device *in response to the transmitting of speech or data*" is moot in view of new grounds of rejection. However, detecting transmission of data and responding to the detection of data transmission is not new in the art and the Examiner has applied a reference, which either acknowledges (ack) or doesn't acknowledge (nack) the reception of packet data and also uses this reference for acknowledging information received.

2. Applicant further argues that neither of the references teaches that "a mobile device includes information regarding a method with which the location was determined" and thus any combination of these references cannot teach this limitation. The Examiner is unsure what Applicant is implying by this statement, but it seems that the argument indicates that obvious modifications can't be made. Sandhu teaches in Column 2, Lines 36-41 that "A mobile unit tracks its own location through a location – determining technology, for example GPS, time difference of arrival (TDOA), or angle of arrival (AOA)... The mobile unit encapsulates the location data and the user input in an outbound package". Kinnunen et al. teaches including the location determination method with the location to indicate the reliability of the location information. Being that the mobile unit of Sandhu tracks its own location and encapsulates the location into an outbound package, an obvious modification would follow that the mobile unit encapsulates the location determination method into the outbound package as well so that the

other devices can determine the reliability of the location information. In addition, the Applicant mistakenly states that the limitation of “a mobile device includes information regarding a method with which the location was determined” is included in claims 1, 28, 35 and 43, this limitation was removed from claims 1 and 28. This also applies to the arguments of claims 26 and 27, the location determination limitation has been removed from claim 1.

3. Regarding claim 11, Applicants further argues that Kennedy III fails to teach at least one packet comprising information about location replacing at least one speech or data packet. In Column 8, Lines 47-55 Kennedy III states: “The data messages may contain information that initiated the reporting event, such as a signal indicating connection of the truck trailer to a cab, and also other monitored information, such as the location of the truck trailer at the time of the reporting event. Ultimately data messages transmitted from messaging unit 16 are routed through platform 24, clearinghouse 22, or both and accessed by host 26, as shown in FIG. 1. A data message may be communicated over network 10 using either a voice channel or a data channel.” and in Column 9, Lines 55-60 that: “The data message may contain location and status information of truck trailer 12 in a standard data package for transmission by modem 48. It should be understood that the invention contemplates any suitable modem transfer protocol and compression technique to prepare the data for transmission by modem 48.” and in Column 22, Lines 44-45 Kennedy III states that the communication method can be data packet communication. Thus the data message would be packetized and the location data would have to be placed in one of the packets, thus replacing at least one speech or data packet.

4. Regarding the 35 USC § 112 rejection of claims 1 and 25, the amendment to these claims has overcome the rejection and the Examiner withdraws the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-9,12,14,18-20,22-25,28-30,38-40 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,867,733) in view of Das et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0152342).

Referring to claims 1 and 28, Sandhu et al teaches a data communication method in a communication system (Column 2, lines 34-35), comprising: transmitting and receiving speech and/or data by means of a mobile device of the communication system and by using a predetermined transmission resource (Column 2, Lines 58-61), determining the location of the mobile device of the communication system (Column 2, Lines 36-38), responsive to the detection of speech and / or data (Column 4, Lines 58-62), transmitting with the speech and/or data, information about the location of the mobile device to a predefined group of users (Column 5, Lines 35-51), currently connected to a network element of the communication system (Column 3, Lines 38-43 and Figure 1), but does not teach responding to the detection of

transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted.

Das et al teaches responding to the detection of transmission (0005; responds by sending an ACK/NACK) and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted (0005, 0006 and 0008; ACK/NACK). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al with the teaching of Das et al. of responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted to indicate that the information was received correctly (0005).

Referring to claims 25 and 45, Sandhu et al teaches a data communication method in a communication system (Column 2, lines 34-35), comprising: transmitting and receiving speech and/or data by means of a mobile device of the communication system and by using a predetermined transmission resource (Column 2, Lines 58-61), determining the location of the mobile device of the communication system (Column 2, Lines 36-38), responsive to the detection of speech and / or data (Column 4, Lines 58-62), transmitting with the speech and/or data, information about the location of the mobile device to a predefined group of users (Column 5, Lines 35-51), currently connected to a network element of the communication system (Column 3, Lines 38-43 and Figure 1), taking predefined privacy levels assigned to predefined groups or to users belonging to predefined groups are taken into account in the transmission of information (Column 5, Lines 53-65), but does not teach responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted. Das et al teaches responding to the detection of transmission (0005; responds by sending an

ACK/NACK) and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted (0005, 0006 and 0008; ACK/NACK). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al with the teaching of Das et al. of responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted to indicate that the information was received correctly (0005).

Referring to claim 38, Sandhu et al teaches a telecommunication system (Figure 1), comprising: least a first and second mobile device (Figure 1) at least one network element (Figure 1) means to determine the location of the first mobile device (Figure 2, GPS receiver), wherein the first mobile device includes transmitting means for transmitting with speech and or data information about the location of the first mobile device to a predefined group of users (Column 5, Lines 35-51) connected to a network element of the communication system (Column 3, Lines 38-43 and Figure 1) in response to the detection of speech and / or data (Column 4, Lines 58-62), taking predefined privacy levels assigned to predefined groups or to users belonging to predefined groups are taken into account in the transmission of information about the location of the first mobile device (Column 5, Lines 53-65) wherein the at least one network element is configured to receive information about the location of the first mobile device and to store the information (Figure 4, 45), but does not teach responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted. Das et al teaches responding to the detection of transmission (0005; responds by sending an ACK/NACK) and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted

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(0005, 0006 and 0008; ACK/NACK). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al with the teaching of Das et al. of responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted to indicate that the information was received correctly (0005).

Referring to claim 2, Sandhu et al further teaches determining the location in the mobile device (Column 2, Line 36).

Referring to claims 3 and 30, Sandhu et al further teaches determining the location using a satellite positioning system (Column 2, Lines 37).

Referring to claims 4 and 29, Sandhu et al. further teaches establishing a packet switched connection between the mobile device and a network element of the communication system as the predetermined transmission resource (Figure 2, 32).

Referring to claim 5, Sandhu et al further teaches transmitting information about the location in response to a command given by the user of the device (Column 2, Lines 39-43).

Referring to claim 6, Sandhu et al further teaches detecting a change in the location of the mobile device; transmitting information about the location on the basis of the detection (Column 3, Lines 2-5 & Column 6, Lines 11-14).

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Referring to claim 7, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the mobile device is participating a group call (Column 5, Lines 38-43 and Column 8, Lines 11-12).

Referring to claim 8, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the predefined group of users is participating in a group call (Column 5, Lines 38-43 & Column 8, Lines 11-12).

Referring to claim 9, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein at least one user of the predefined group of users receives the information about the location using a mobile device (Column 2, Lines 34-35).

Referring to claim 12, Sandhu et al further teach wherein at least one packet comprising information about the location is transmitted among speech or data packets (Column 2, Lines 39-43 and Column 7, Lines 37-39).

Referring to claim 14, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the information about the location of the mobile device is sent as a separate message (Column 6, Lines 4-6 and Column 4, Lines 64-66).

Referring to claim 18, Sandhu et al further teaches receiving a location query from the system (Column 6, Lines 4-6), and determining and transmitting information about the location of the mobile device in response to the query (Column 5, Line 67). The mobile device request is from the system.

Referring to claim 19, Sandhu et al. further teaches wherein each device participating in the group call transmits information about its location to a predetermined participant in the group call (Column 2, Lines 39-43), and the predetermined participant in the group call transmits the information about the location of each device to all participants (Column 2, Lines 58-62). Examiner equates the service provider server with the predetermined participant.

Referring to claim 20, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the time when location was determined is included in the location information (Column 4, Line 66 to Column 5, Line 2).

Referring to claim 22, Sandhu et al further teaches transmitting location information to a network server connected to the communication system (Column 2, Lines 39-43 and Figure 4), and storing location information in the network server (Figure 4).

Referring to claim 23, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the location information is sent without intervention by the user of the device (Column 4, Lines 63-66).

Referring to claim 24, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the information about the location of the mobile device is used as input information for an application running in a mobile device or a computer (Column 3, Lines 6-10).

Referring to claim 39, Sandhu et al further teaches a network server configured to transmit location information relating to a mobile device to a group of other devices (Column 2, Lines 58-62 and Figure 4).

Referring to claim 40, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the time when the location was determined is included in the location information (Column 4, Line 66 to Column 5, Line 2).

Referring to claim 48, Sandhu et al further teaches updating and maintaining the predefined group of users by a presence server (Column 6, Lines 24-29).

Referring to claim 49, Sandhu et al further teaches storing the location information (Figure 4, 46) and the identities of the users of the predefined group by individual network elements (Figure 4, 42).

Referring to claim 54, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the information about the location of the mobile device is transmitted by a dedicated protocol between the mobile device and the network element or between the mobile device and mobile devices of the predetermined group of users (Column 4, Lines 58-62).

Referring to claim 56, Sandhu et al further teaches wherein the network element requests authentication of a terminal before sharing information from the network element (Column 5, Lines 20-25).

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6. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al and Das et al. in view of Jones (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0079135)

Referring to claim 10, Sandhu et al and Kinnunen et al. teach the limitations of claim 10, but do not teach wherein at least one user receives the information about the location by using a personal computer. Jones teaches wherein at least one user receives the information about the location by using a personal computer (0012 and Figure 1, 19). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Jones wherein at least one user receives the information about the location by using a personal computer to allow others to monitor progress on a journey (0012).

7. Claims 11 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al and Das et al. in view of Kennedy, III et al. (US Patent No. 5,544,225)

Referring to claim 11, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 10, but do not teach wherein at least one packet comprising information about the location replaces at least one speech or data packet. Kennedy, III et al. teaches wherein at least one packet comprising information about the location replaces at least one speech or data packet (Column 22, Lines 35-45). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Kennedy, II et al. wherein at least one packet comprising information about the location

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replaces at least one speech or data packet to provide location information via a voice or data connection (Column 8, Lines 54-56).

Referring to claim 31, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 31, but do not teach determining the location of the mobile device using an inertia navigation arrangement. Kennedy, III et al. teaches determining the location of the mobile device using an inertia navigation arrangement (Column 7, Lines 5-9). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Kennedy, III et al. of determining the location of the mobile device using an inertia navigation arrangement to provide location data when GPS reception is difficult due to tunnels and other obstacles blocking the GPS signals.

8. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al and Das et al. in view of Schuster et al. (US Patent No. 6,577,622).

Referring to claim 13, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 13, but do not teach wherein each packet comprises information about whether it contains speech, data or information about the location of the mobile device. Schuster et al. teaches wherein each packet comprises information about whether it contains speech, data or information about the location of the mobile device (Column 18, Lines 27-32). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Schuster et al. wherein each packet comprises

information about whether it contains speech, data or information about the location of the mobile device to enable an application to identify the type of packet (Column 18, Lines 27-32).

9. Claims 15 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al and Das et al. in view of Salovuori (US Patent Publication No. 2002/0196781).

Referring to claim 15, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 15, but do not teach detecting a pressing of a predetermined key of the mobile device, activating speech transmission on the basis of the detection. Salovuori teaches detecting a pressing of a predetermined key of the mobile device, activating speech transmission on the basis of the detection (0052). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Salovuori of detecting a pressing of a predetermined key of the mobile device, activating speech transmission on the basis of the detection in a group call to request resources for speech (0052).

Referring to claim 32, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 32, but do not teach a keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, means to activate speech transmission on the basis of the detection. Salovuori teaches a keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, means to activate speech transmission on the basis of the detection (0052). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary

skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Salovuori of a keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, means to activate speech transmission on the basis of the detection to request resources for speech in a group call (0052). Examiner equates keyboard with user interface keys.

10. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Salovuori and further in view of Haartsen (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0048806)

Referring to claim 17, Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Salovuori teach the limitations of claim 17 including transmitting location information, but do not teach transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission. Haartsen teaches transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission (Figure 2). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Salovuori with the teaching of Haartsen of transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission to prevent address contention in address list generation in overlapping, uncoordinated networks (0002).

11. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al. and Das et al. in view of Grube et al. (US Patent No. 6,885,874)

Referring to claim 26, Sandhu et al. and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 26, but do not teach wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by an external

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event detected by a sensor of the mobile device. Grube et al. teaches wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by an external event detected by a sensor of the mobile device (Column 3, Lines 45-51). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al with the teaching of Grube et al. wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by an external event detected by a sensor of the mobile device to provide a group call with location sharing (Column 3, Lines 18-20).

12. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al. and Das et al. in view of Kennedy, III et al.

Referring to claim 27, Sandhu et al. and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 27, but does not teach wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by a voice command or a sound. Kennedy, III et al. teaches wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by a voice command or a sound (Column 8, Lines 12-14 and Column 14, Lines 29-31). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Kennedy, III et al. wherein transmission of location related information is triggered by a voice command or a sound to provide location information via a voice or data connection (Column 8, Lines 54-56).

13. Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al and Das et al. and further in view of Haartsen.

Referring to claim 34, Sandhu et al and Das et al. teach the limitations of claim 34 including transmitting location information, but do not teach transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission. Haartsen teaches transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission (Figure 2). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Haartsen of transmitting the information in a predefined part of the transmission to prevent address contention in address list generation in overlapping, uncoordinated networks (0002).

14. Claims 35, 36, 43 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al in view of Das et al and further in view of Kinnunen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,544,225).

Referring to claims 35, 43 and 46, Sandhu et al teaches a telecommunication system, comprising at least a first and second mobile device (Figure 1) at least one network element (Figure 1) means to determine the location of the first mobile device (Figure 2, GPS receiver), wherein the first mobile device includes transmitting means for transmitting speech and or data to the network element by using a predetermined transmission resource (Figure 1 & Column 2, lines 34-35, 58-61), responsive to the detection of speech and / or data (Column 4, Lines 58-62),

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transmitting with the speech and/or data to the network element using the predetermined transmission resource, information about the location of the mobile device to a predefined group of users including the second mobile device (Column 5, Lines 35-51 and Figure 1), currently connected to a network element of the communication system (Column 3, Lines 38-43 and Figure 1), but does not teach responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted. Das et al teaches responding to the detection of transmission (0005; responds by sending an ACK/NACK) and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted (0005, 0006 and 0008; ACK/NACK). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al with the teaching of Das et al. of responding to the detection of transmission and receiving a response acknowledgement regarding the information transmitted to indicate that the information was received correctly (0005).

Sandhu et al and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 35, but do not teach wherein the location information includes information regarding a method with which the location was determined. Kinnunen et al. teaches wherein the location information includes information regarding a method with which the location was determined (Column 2, Lines 22-24, 47 & 58-64 and Column 8, Lines 62-65). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al and Das et al. with the teaching of Kinnunen et al. wherein the location information includes information regarding a method with which the location was determined to indicate the accuracy of the location data (Column 8, Lines 36-38). Referring to claim 46 Sandhu et al further teaches taking

predefined privacy levels assigned to predefined groups or to users belonging to predefined groups are taken into account in the transmission of information (Column 5, Lines 53-65).

Referring to claim 36, Sandhu et al further teaches further comprising a second network element configured to act as a group management server (Column 8, Lines 36-38) and at least two mobile devices configured to participate in a group call (Column 2, Lines 34-35 & 58-62 and Column5, Lines 35-47).

15. Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Kinnunen et al. in view of Salovuori (US Patent Publication No. 2002/0196781).

Referring to claim 37, Sandhu et al, Das et al and Kinnunen et al. teach the limitations of claim 37, but do not teach keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, and means to signal a transmission request to the network element on the basis of the detection, wherein the network element is configured to receive the request and allocate transmission turns between the mobile devices on the basis of the requests received from the mobile stations. Salovuori teaches keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, and means to signal a transmission request to the network element on the basis of the detection, wherein the network element is configured to receive the request and allocate transmission turns between the mobile devices on the basis of the requests received from the mobile stations (0052). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to

combine the teaching of Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Kinnunen et al. with the teaching of Salovuori of a keyboard with at least one key, means to detect a pressing of a predetermined key of the keyboard, and means to signal a transmission request to the network element on the basis of the detection, wherein the network element is configured to receive the request and allocate transmission turns between the mobile devices on the basis of the requests received from the mobile stations to request resources for speech in a group call (0052). Examiner equates keyboard with user interface keys.

16. Claim 44 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, Das et al. and Kinnunen et al. in view of Kennedy, III et al. (US Patent No. 5,544,225)

Referring to claim 44, Sandhu et al further teaches the distribution medium comprising a computer readable medium (Figure 2, 17-i), a program storage medium (Column 2, Lines 58-62 and Figure 4), a record medium (Column 2, Lines 38-39), a computer readable memory (Column 2, 17-i), a computer readable software distribution package (Column 4, Line 10), a computer readable signal (Figure 1), a computer readable telecommunications signal (Figure 1), and although Sandhu et al teaches using a PDA and Laptop he does not specifically state using a compressed software package. Kennedy III et al teaches using a compressed software package (Column 9, Lines 57-60). Therefore at the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al, Das et al and Kinnunen et al. with the teaching of Kennedy HI et al of using a compressed software package to provide location information via a voice or data connection (Column 8, Lines 54-56).

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17. Claims 50, 52 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, and Das et al. and further in view of Grube et al. (US Patent No. 2003/0100326).

Referring to claim 50, Sandhu et al. and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 50, but do not teach showing the response acknowledgement at a display of the mobile device. Grube et al. teaches showing the response acknowledgement at a display of the mobile device (0006 & 0008). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Grube et al. of showing the response acknowledgement at a display of the mobile device to coordinate a group's activities (0005).

Referring to claim 52, Sandhu et al. and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 52, but do not teach the response acknowledgement is sent by the predefined group of users including the location information of the predefined group of users. Grube et al. teaches the response acknowledgement is sent by the predefined group of users including the location information of the predefined group of users (0006 & 0008). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Grube et al. of the response acknowledgement is sent by the predefined group of users including the location information of the predefined group of users to coordinate a group's activities (0005).

Referring to claim 53, Sandhu et al. and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 53, but do not teach providing location information for at least one device controlled by a user of the predefined group. Grube et al. teaches providing location information for at least one device controlled by a user of the predefined group (0005, lead car). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Grube et al. of providing location information for at least one device controlled by a user of the predefined group to coordinate a group's activities (0005).

18. Claim 51 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, and Das et al. and further in view of Vlcek et al. (US Patent No. 5,493,694).

Referring to claim 51, Sandhu et al. and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 51, but do not teach providing a response acknowledgement including location information which is updated within a predetermined time interval. Vlcek et al. teaches providing a response acknowledgement including location information which is updated within a predetermined time interval (Column 1, Lines 41-45 and Column 3, Lines 41-46). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Vlcek et al. of providing a response acknowledgement including location information which is updated within a predetermined time interval to allow a station to poll status and location information as deemed necessary (Column 1, Lines 41-46).

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19. Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sandhu et al, and Das et al. and further in view of Balfanz et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2005/0129240).

Referring to claim 55, Sandhu et al. and Das et al teach the limitations of claim 55, but do not teach a connection between the mobile device and the network element or between the mobile device and mobile devices of the predetermined group of users is encrypted. Balfanz et al. teaches a connection between the mobile device and the network element or between the mobile device and mobile devices of the predetermined group of users is encrypted (0030). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the teaching of Sandhu et al. and Das et al. with the teaching of Balfanz et al. of a connection between the mobile device and the network element or between the mobile device and mobile devices of the predetermined group of users is encrypted to provide information on a need to know basis (0030).

Allowable Subject Matter

20. Claim 41 is allowed. The reason for allowable subject matter is provided below:

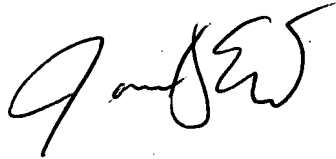
Referring to claim 41, the references cited do not teach a network server configured to receive a location information request, to send location information updated within a given time limit as a response to the request, and to request the updating of location information not updated within the given time limit.

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Conclusion

21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James D. Ewart whose telephone number is (571) 272-7864. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am - 4pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and (571) 273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.



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